



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460**

Office of External Affairs and
Environmental Education

November 1, 2013

Ryan McNeill
Reuters
3 Times Square
New York, NY 07302

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2013-008047

Dear Mr. McNeill:

This is the third rolling response to your July 25, 2013 Freedom of Information Act addressed to EPA, in which you sought, "copies of all emails sent or received by press officers of the Environmental Protection Agency since June 1, 2013 concerning following:

- 1) The explosion in West, Texas
- 2) Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

A search was conducted and responsive records were found. In this release EPA has reviewed 225 pages and determined that portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to FOIA exemption n (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5). This exemption includes documents that embody the "deliberative process" of the agency. Exemption 5 thus covers "recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency.

If you have any concerns regarding this initial release, you may appeal in writing to the National Freedom of Information Act Officer at:

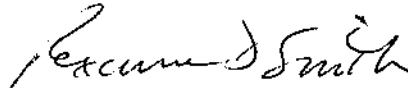
Records, FOIA, and Privacy Branch
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courier service, or via an overnight delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Your appeal must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include the request number listed above. The agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar-day limit. For the quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roxanne Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Roxanne Smith
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator

cc: Jonathan Newton